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Senator Andrew M. Maynard  
Representative Antonio Guerrero  
and Members  
Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 2300  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 6321 and HB 6348, Granting Exemptions From Two Hour Safe Teen Driving Class Attendance

To The Transportation Committee:

I served on the Task Force in 2007-08 that recommended the overhaul of our teen driver laws, including the required parent-teen safe teen driving class.

The two bills referenced above propose attendance exemptions for parents who have previously attended a class. These bills *completely misunderstand* one of the key purposes of the class, which is for parents to attend *with each teen driver* to learn about safety together, to start a *discussion* with each teen about the unique challenges safe teen driving that hopefully will continue for several years.

Every teen is different. Every teen needs this relationship and cooperative focus. These bills will undermine these essential goals.

These bills appear to be prompted by the view that the class is an inconvenience to parents. Rather than modify the class attendance, we should all work to modify the attitude that a parent's convenience is more important than a teen driver's safety.

Very truly yours,

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